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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Box AF
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 4, 2001, enclosed please find the following document: Amendment After Final.

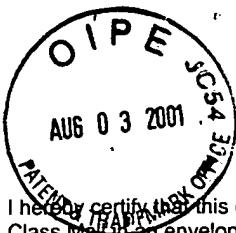
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC530-2). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2001, finally rejecting the pending claims, please amend the application as indicated below and consider the following remarks. This response is considered timely and is being filed within two months of the date of final rejection.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace claim 57 with a clean copy of said amended claim. A marked-up version is appended hereto.

57. (Once amended) A coating comprising, (i) a modified starch wherein the modification includes ethylation, acetylation, methylation, hydroxypropyl substitution, hydroxyethyl substitution, carboxymethyl substitution or hydroxypropyl methyl substitution; (ii) a plasticizer; and (iii) a modified cellulose as a secondary polymer, wherein the modified starch and the secondary polymer are provided in equal parts.

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